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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 109 (b), 113 (a), 125 (g), 126 (a), 127 (b), (c), (e), (h) and (i), 128 (c), (d), (d) bis, (h) and (j), 129 (f) and 130 (b) and (e) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 109 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Increase, as appropriate, and effectively utilize financial and other resources in the social sector, particularly in education and health, to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment as a central strategy for addressing development and poverty eradication;"

(b) In paragraph 113 (a), the brackets and bolding were removed from the text;

(c) Paragraph 125 (g) was amended to read as follows:

"Regularly compile and publish crime statistics and map trends in law enforcement concerning violations of the rights of women and girls to increase awareness in order to develop more effective policies;"

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(d) Paragraph 126 (a) was amended to read as follows:

"Develop and support the capacity of universities, national research and training institutes and other relevant research institutes to undertake gender related and policy oriented research in order to inform policy makers and to promote full implementation of the Programme of Action and its follow-up;"

(e) Paragraph 127 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Respect, promote and realize the principles contained in the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its follow-up and strongly consider ratification and full implementation of ILO conventions which are particularly relevant to ensure women's rights at work;"

(f) Paragraph 127 (c) was deleted;

(g) Paragraph 127 (e) was deleted;

(h) Paragraph 127 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"Adopt measures to ensure that the work of rural women, who continue to play a vital role in providing food security and nutrition, and are engaged in agricultural production and enterprises related to farming, fishing and resource management, and home-based work, especially in the informal sector, is recognized and valued in order to enhance their economic security, their access to and control over resources and credit schemes, services and benefits and their empowerment;"

(i) Paragraph 127 (i) was deleted;

(j) Paragraph 128 (c) was amended to read as follows:

"Strengthen and promote programmes to support the participation of young women in youth organizations and encourage dialogue among youth between and among developed and developing countries;"

(k) Paragraph 128 (d) was amended to read as follows:

"Support national efforts to promote formal and non-formal education and mentoring programmes for women and girls, in order to enable them to acquire knowledge, develop self-esteem and skills in leadership, advocacy and conflict resolution;"

(l) In paragraph 128 (d) bis, the word "skill" was changed to "skills" and the bolding was removed from the text;

(m) Paragraph 128 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"With the full voluntary participation of indigenous women, develop and implement educational and training programmes that respect their history, culture, spirituality, languages and aspirations and ensure their access to all levels of formal and non-formal education, including higher education;"

(n) Paragraph 128 (j) was amended to read as follows:

"Continue to examine the decline in enrolment rates and the increase in the drop-out rates of girls and boys at the primary and secondary education levels in some countries, and, with international cooperation, design appropriate national programmes to eliminate the root causes and support lifelong learning for women and girls, with a view to ensuring achievement of relevant international targets on education set by the relevant international conferences;"

(o) Paragraph 129 (f) was deleted;

(p) Paragraph 130 (b) was deleted;

(q) Paragraph 130 (e) was moved to follow paragraph 103 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Prosecute the perpetrators of all forms of violence against women and girls and sentence them appropriately and introduce actions aimed at helping and motivating perpetrators to break the cycle of violence and take measures to provide avenues for redress to victims;"

3. The Ad Hoc Committee also made the following corrections to paragraphs 126 (e) and 128 (b):

(a) In paragraph 126 (e), delete the word "~~solid~~";

(b) In paragraph 128 (b), delete the square bracket in front of the words "and implement".